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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Paul Peterson

Application No.: 09/885,746

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Art Unit: 2625

For:

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR

GENERATING A MULTIPLE COMPOSITE

IMAGE

Examiner: K. B. Patel

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MS Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated November 29, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests that the following comments be made a part of the record.

At the outset, the applicant wishes to express his appreciation for the allowance of the application. The applicant further wishes to supplement the record with a summary of an interview conducted prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowance via the following comments.

The courteous interview granted by Examiner Patel to the applicant and the applicant's undersigned attorney on September 8, 2005, is hereby acknowledged with appreciation. During the interview, a demonstration of the technology underlying the present application was conducted for the benefit of Examiner Patel and several other examiners associated with the following co-pending and concurrently filed cases:

(i) Application Serial No. 09/885,758, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Producing a Lenticular Novelty Item at a Point of Purchase"; and,

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(ii) Application Serial No. 09/885,686, entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Producing a Lenticular Novelty Item via the Internet."

The interviews for all three cases were conducted jointly. All of the examiners were present during the demonstration. Examiner Patel also attended the portions of the interview dedicated to the art-based claim rejections outstanding in the other two cases. At that time, the most pertinent art cited in the other two cases was discussed, including two references relied upon in the present application (see, e.g., the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, citing U.S. Patents Nos. 6,329,987 and 5,117,283).

U.S. Patents Nos. 6,148,148 (Wain et al.), 6,258,194 (Danon), and 6,324,545 (Morag) were also discussed during the interview.

Following the joint interview, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was submitted in the present application on December 15, 2005, to identify the other two co-pending cases, as well as art cited therein. At that time, the applicant was yet unaware of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and accordingly hereby requests that this paper and the IDS be made a part of the record for the present application.

Dated: February 23, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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